The Best Deeds in Islam

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Mansoor: Baba, what are the best things a Muslim can do?

Baba: The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ was once asked this same question. Do you know what he said?

Mansoor: Tell me, Baba!

Baba: He said, “To feed the poor and to greet those you know and those you don’t know.”

Mansoor: Oh! That sounds so simple! Just sharing food and saying Salaam?

Baba: Yes, my son. Islam teaches us that even small acts of kindness can bring great rewards. Feeding someone fills their stomach, but it also fills their heart with happiness. And greeting people spreads peace and love.

Mansoor: But, Baba, I already say As-salamu alaykum to my friends. Do I have to say it to strangers too?

Baba: Yes, my dear. When we greet others, even those we don’t know, we spread goodness in the world. The Prophet ﷺ encouraged us to be warm and kind to everyone, not just our friends.

Mansoor: What if someone doesn’t say Salaam back?

Baba: That’s okay. We do good for the sake of Allah, not just for a reply. When we greet others, angels pray for us, and Allah rewards us.

Mansoor: I like that, Baba! And what about feeding people? Do I have to cook?

Baba: Haha! Not necessarily! You can share your lunch, give dates to a neighbor, or even help serve food at a gathering.

Mansoor: I want to do that! Can we give food to someone today, Baba?

Baba: MashaAllah! That’s a beautiful idea, my dear. Let’s take some food to the masjid and share it with those in need.

Mansoor: Yay! And I’ll say As-salamu alaykum to everyone!

Baba: That’s the spirit, my son. May Allah bless you with a kind heart.